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Thank you

Julian Huppert elected as Cambridge's new MP

"Thank you to everyone who gave me their support," said Julian Huppert, elected on 6th May as Cambridge's new MP.

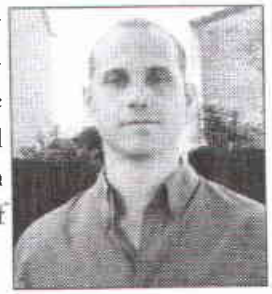
"I will stand up for everyone in Cambridge regardless of who they voted for."

Julian takes over from David Howarth who stood down after five years as Member of Parliament.

"David has a tremendous reputation as our city's MP. I'd like to thank him for all the work he has done."

Julian Huppert (left) has taken over from David Howarth as Cambridge's MP

Simon Brierley elected to Cambridge City Council

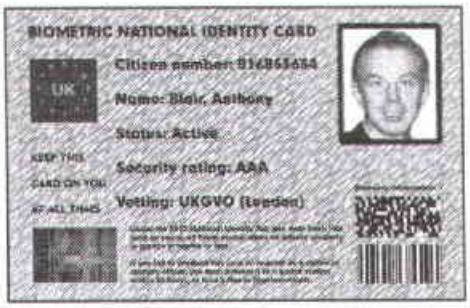


Simon Brierley was elected to Cambridge City Council on May 6th with 36.3% of the vote.

Simon has taken over from Neale Upstone who has stood down after four years on the city council.

Simon said "Thank you to everyone who voted for me. I will work hard to represent the views of local residents over the next four years."

Lib Dems in government to scrap ID cards



ID cards will be scrapped by the coalition government. Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg will lead the much-needed reform of our political system.

The new government is set to implement key Lib Dem policies.

ID cards will be scrapped, saving billions of pounds and helping to preserve our civil liberties.

Parliaments will be five years long so that the Prime Minister can't call an election for party advantage.

Some of the worst Conservative policies –aimed at helping millionaires at the expense of the poor – have been ditched as part of the Coalition agreement too.

County Council waste money on website

Local Cllr Andy Pellew has discovered the Conservative run County council is planning on creating an exact duplicate of the "FixMyStreet" website (run by a Charity) but controlled (and paid for) by the County Council.

"This isn't what King's Hedges residents expect the County Council to be doing with their money", said Andy, "Fixmystreet is a perfectly good website that we could use for free. The money should go on mending potholes instead."

No guided busway inquiry

In response to a request by Julian Huppert MP, Jill Tuck, the leader of the County Council, has once again denied the people of Cambridgeshire a public enquiry into the Guided Busway.

Given the spiraling costs of the Guided Busway, the refusal of the leader of the Council to repeat her predecessors pledge that Public Money would not be spent on it and, some would argue most importantly, the fact that other Councils are now looking at the project in Cambridgeshire as a model for their own Guided Busway projects, now is the time for a public enquiry.

Local County Cllr Andy Pellew said "It's disappointing that, in the year when the Busway is expected to open (really this time!), the Tory administration in Shirehall can't see the advantages of drawing a line under the design and construction phases of the project before the Busway enters service."

Getting things done in Kings Hedges

Various projects that we've been campaigning for have been started and completed in King's Hedges.

The most visible is the new layout and surface on the shop forecouts on Campkin Road. This should make the area much more pleasant and safe. The Focus team are concerned that the trees put in are less mature than we expected and will be raising the issue.

In addition the Garry Drive verge replanting has been completed, and work is advancing on verge works for Campkin Rd. The surface of the Campkin to Ramsden Square footpath should also be resurfaced soon.

Contact the Focus team if you want to get something fixed in your area

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Roads update

The County Council has announced the highway maintenance programme for the next year.

The only planned maintenance in King's Hedges is some patching of Milton Road and King's Hedges Road, both of which need more substantial work. This doesn't include emergency repairs, which we expect many more. If you know about a pothole let the team know.

Britain needs a fair voting system

May's election showed just how unfair Britain's electoral system is.

Across the UK, the Lib Dems won 24% of the votes but got only 8% of the MPs – the Conservatives got many more MPs than they should be entitled to.

But here in Cambridge the system benefits the Lib Dems, who won 11 of 14 council wards. The Lib Dems' 38% of the vote should have entitled them to 5 or 6 seats.

New system needed

"The system is unfair and needs to be replaced," said Lib Dem MP Julian Huppert.

"Even in places where the system benefits us, we still say we need a new fair system."

Join the Lib Dems as we campaign for fair votes

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